

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

-- There is provided a video encoder, video decoder and corresponding encoding and decoding methods for respectively encoding and decoding video signal data for an image slice. The video encoder includes a slice prediction residual downampler (645) for downsampling a prediction residual of at least a portion of the image slice prior to transformation and quantization of the prediction residual. The video decoder includes a prediction residual upampler (715) for upsampling a prediction residual of the image slice. --